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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO PRIORITY

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TAGS: ETRD, OTRA, JA, US

SUBJECT: VISIT OF US ANTITRUST OFFICIALS

REF: TOKYO 7267 AND RELATED

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL JUSTICE DEPT (MR. HUNTER HALE)
SENT A DIRECT TWX (NOT A STATE DEPT TELEGRAM) TO EMBASSY
TOKYO (ATTN: ROGER N. BENSON) ASKING SEVERAL QUESTIONS ON
SCHEDULING, ETC. NOT HAVING RECEIVED A REPLY, JUSTICE
IS CONCERNED THAT EMBASSY MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED THE
MESSAGE. MESSAGE IS REPEATED BELOW. REQUEST EMBASSY
REPLY BY MAY 5 IF POSSIBLE.

2. "TRUST YOU HAVE RECEIVED OUR CABLE OF 21 APRIL WITH
COMPLETE SCHEDULE AND NUMEROUS REQUESTS. WE HAVE RECEIVED
AN INQUIRY FROM STATE BY PHONE AND A COPY OF TOKYO 7267.
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3. "ARRIVING NW-7 3:55 PM REQUEST EMBASSY CAR.

4. "REQUEST ADJUSTMENT OF RESERVATIONS AS SUGGESTED.

5. "WILL PURCHASE OPEN TICKETS FOR OSAKA AS SUGGESTED

REQUEST RESERVATIONS BY EMBASSY. PLEASE BOOK RETURN FROM KYOTO BY SHINKANSEN.

6. "DEPARTING TOKYO MAY 20.

7. "YOU SHOULD HAVE INFO COPY OF OUR CABLE OF 24 APRIL ACCEPTING ACCJ BREAKFAST FOR MAY 17.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

8. "REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM JUSTICE OF ANY SCHEDULED FUNCTIONS YOU WISH US TO ATTEND. NOTE THE FOLLOWING OPEN DATES:

MAY 15 DINNER. WOULD DINNER FOR MFA AND/OR MITI BE APPROPRIATE?

MAY 16 LUNCHEON AND MAY 17 DINNER. PLEASE SCHEDULE FTC FUNCTIONS AS APPROPRIATE.

9. " JUSTICE REQUESTS EMBASSY TO OFFER A CASUAL REMINDER TO ISAAC SHAPIRO (IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION) THAT HE SHOULD NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HIS FIRM REPRESENTS DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN TOKYO. THE SAME APPLIES OF COURSE TO ISHII/PAYNE. SUGGEST YOU SIMPLY SOLICIT SCHEDULING SUGGESTIONS AND HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

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10. "NIHON KEIZAI HAS REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW. YOU MAY SCHEDULE A TIME AND PLACE. OTHER PRESS REPORTERS MAY ALSO REQUEST INTERVIEWS. PLEASE USE YOUR DISCRETION IN ACCEPTING AND SCHEDULING.

WE ARE POUCHING PRESS BRIEFING MATERIALS. THIS IS A WORKING VISIT FOR US OFFICIALS. SHENEFIELD AND SCHWARTZ IN PARTICULAR WILL MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS WITH HIGHER OFFICIALS IN APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OR WITH THE PRESS. PLEASE REQUEST FROM FTC'S YABE A COPY OF HIS LETTER OF APRIL 21. RE SCHEDULE AND SHENEFIELD'S STATUS AT THE MEETINGS. ASK IF SHENEFIELD CAN ATTEND A FEW OF THE MEETINGS SUCH AS THAT ON MEASURES AGAINST MONOPOLY" IN AN INFORMAL OR OBSERVER STATUS. YABE WILL EXPLAIN THE BACKGROUND. PLEASE CABLE REPLY.

11. " WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT TRANSLATION, ESPECIALLY FOR THE UNOFFICIAL SCHEDULE AND MEETINGS WITH THE PRESS. ASSUME THE GOJ WILL COVER OFFICIAL MEETINGS. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT IS CONTEMPLATED.

12. "US OFFICIALS DESIRE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE,

PRIOR TO MEETING, REGARDING WHO WILL ATTEND AND WHAT
SPECIFIC ISSUES ARE LIKELY TO BE RAISED. PLEASE CABLE.
HAVE APPROACHED KEIDANREN DIRECTLY IN WASHINGTON, BUT
HAVE NOTHING SO FAR ON KANKEIREN, MFA, AND MITI.
YABE LETTER REFERRED TO ABOVE HAS SOME SUBSTANCE FOR
JFTC MEETING, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE
NAMES AND SOME BIODATA ON THE COMMISSIONER AND LEADING
JFTC OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE ARE TO TALK. YOUR
ASSISTANCE IS MOST APPRECIATED. HUNTERHALE, ATTY, DEPT
OF JUSTICE". CHRISTOPHER

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